

Potty training and creating a solid schedule to maximize your success!

- Puppies need 18-20 hours of purposeful sleep a day. This means your puppy should be crated during nap times. Then, create a schedule of 30-60 minutes of structured activities like training, play, cuddle time, etc followed by 2 to 3 hours of sleep in the crate.
- Feed your puppy's meals (kibble) through training. Wear a treat pouch anytime you are with your puppy, so the consistency is always there. Your puppy needs consistency to thrive.
- Get your puppy on a potty, food and water schedule. Your puppy needs to go out potty any time he wakes up in the morning, from a nap, or if you hear him get up throughout the night. Potty him after any play sessions, as well. Pay attention and figure out how long it takes her to digest after he eats or drinks. By being vigilant about the potty schedule, he will learn the ropes very quickly.
- When you take your puppy out to potty, keep him on leash and take him to the same area. Don't walk around with him, just stand in one spot. Tell him your potty command, "go potty" or whatever command you want to use. Wait 15 to 20 minutes for him to go. If he does, throw a potty-party with tons of praise, then let him run around and play either outside or inside. If he doesn't go, he needs to go back in his crate for another 5 to 10 minutes and then repeat the process. Repeat as many times as necessary.
- Keep a leash on your puppy any time he is out of the crate so when you need to move him, you can step on the leash and grab the end of it. It will reduce the conflict of reaching for him and make handling much easier.
- Clean up any accidents past or present with an enzyme dissolving style cleaner such as Nature's Miracle, Amaziing Solutions Pet Odor Eliminator, Bubbas Super Strength Commercial Enzyme Cleaner, Sunny & Honey Pet Stain & Odor Miracle. This will help keep your puppy from smelling old accidents and wanting to re-soil the same area.
- Make sure your crate is of the appropriate size for your puppy. Your crate should be no larger than enough for the puppy to stand up, turn around and lay back down. We do not want your puppy to have to ability to soil one end of the crate and sleep in another.
- If you have bedding in your crate, and your puppy continues to soil it, remove all bedding until your puppy has gotten the potty-training routine down and can be trusted.